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- X 1. An application consisting of 30 pages of specification, including the claims and the Abstract of the Disclosure, and 3 sheets of drawings is attached.
- X 2. A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney is **not** attached. Please file this application in the names of the inventors listed above.

COMPUTATION OF FEE

| | Number Filed | | Number Extra | | Rate | | |
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| Basic Fee | | | | | | | 750 |
| Total Claims | 20- 20 | = | 0 | x | 18 | = | 0 |
| Independent Claims | 1- 3 | = | 0 | x | 84 | = | 0 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | \$750 |

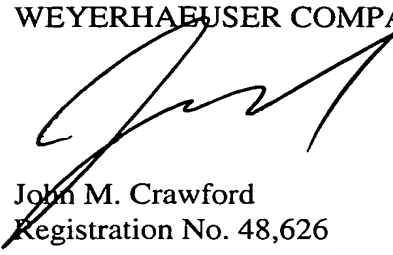
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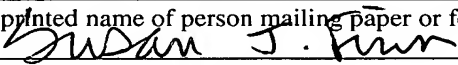
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